(b) if so, whether Government have investigated this matter; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) On 29th March, 2001, Border Security Force personnel on patrolling duty detected a breach in the security fencing between border pillar numbers 10/8-9 in the Mamtoot-Ferozepur sector in Punjab. The barbed wire and the concertina coil had been cut by miscreants to make a clear path.

Border Security Force has ordered a Staff Court of Inquiry to investigate into the matter. Meanwhile, the breached portion of the fence has been repaired and security along border fencing has been strengthened to avoid recurrence of such incidents.

Crimes against women of depressed classes

†4287. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of cases of rape, eve-teasing and kidnapping against women of depressed classes has risen in the past few years;

(b) if so, sequence-wise/State-wise/year-wise details of all the incidents of rape, eve-teasing and kidnapping occurred during last five years; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to check such incidents and give them a respectable life?

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† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) State/UT-wise details of rape cases committed against women of SCs/STs during the last five years *i.e.* from 1996 to 2000 are given in the Statement (*See* below). Similar details of eve-teasing and kidnapping committed against women of SCs/STs are not available, as the National Crime Records Bureau does not collect information on these crimes separately for women of depressed classes.

(c) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has been advising the State Governments, from time to time, to give more focussed attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crimes against the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, women and children and other vulnerable sections of the society.

Statement

Incidence of Rape Committed Against Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during 1996 and 2000 (Upto Available Months)

Sl. No.	State/UT	SC						ST					
		1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Fig for 2000 are upto the month of	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	Fig for 2000 are upto the month of
1	2	3	4	5		6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1.	Andhra Pradesh	50	59	46	61	40	Dec(Oct, Nov)	13	15	33	22	12	Dec(Oct, Nov)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0	0	0	Aug	0	0	0	0	0	Aug
3.	Assam	0	0	0	2	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
4.	Bihar	27	20	23	22	16	Sep	12	4	4	6	10	Sep
5.	Goa	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
6.	Gujarat	15	21	20	28	12	Aug	15	19	28	23	16	Aug
7.	Haryana	11	12	24	26	20	Dec(Nov)	0	1	0	0	0	Dec(Nov)
8.	Himachal Pradesh	11	3	7	4	6	Dec	1	0	0	0	1	Dec
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	0	2	0	2	3	Nov	0	2	0	0	2	Nov
10.	Karnataka	6	5	10	6	14	Nov	4	1	1	1	2	Nov
11.	Kerala	29	76	80	54	65	Dec	11	22	21	10	28	Dec
12.	Madhya Pradesh	271	315	269	305	289	Dec	166	180	194	233	244	Dec
13.	Maharashtra	48	35	37	40	49	Dec	34	16	11	34	26	Dec
14.	Manipur	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
15.	Meghalaya	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
16.	Mizoram	0	0	0	1	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
17.	Nagaland	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec

18.	Orissa	8	15	22	8	6	Jun	7	10	6	10	2	Jun
19.	Punjab	3	3	4	7	8	Dec(Sep)	1	0	0	1	2	Dec(Sep)
20.	Rajasthan	127	158	138	146	128	Dec	41	41	28	40	38	Dec
21.	Sikkim	0	2	1	0	1	Dec	1	0	0	2	0	Dec
22.	Tamil Nadu	19	9	4	12	17	Dec	0	2	1	0	0	Dec
23.	Tripura	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
24.	Uttar Pradesh	324	302	238	276	317	Oct	8	1	4	1	3	Oct
25.	West Bengal	0	0	0	0	0	Nov	0	0	0	0	0	Nov
	TOTAL (States)	949	1037	923	1000	991		314	314	331	383	386	
26.	A & N Islands	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	1	0	0	0	Dec
27.	Chandigarh	0	0	0	0	0	Dec(Jun)	0	0	0	0	0	Dec(Jun)
28.	D & N Haveli	0	0	0	0	0	Dec(Oct)	0	0	0	0	0	Dec(Oct)
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0	0	0	0	Nov	0	0	0	1	0	Nov
30.	Delhi	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
32.	Pondicherry	0	0	0	0	0	Dec	0	0	0	0	0	Dec
	TOTAL (UTs)	0	0	0	0	0		0	1	0	1	0	
	TOTAL (All India)	949	1037	923	1000	991		314	315	331	384	386	

SOURCE : Monthly Crime Statistics.

NOTE : Figures are provisional. Bracketed month name indicates non availability of data for that month.